

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

COUNTY OF LOWNDES  
MINUTE BOOK 377

**BE IT REMEMBERED**, that a regular meeting of The Board of Supervisors of Lowndes County, Mississippi, held at the Lowndes County Courthouse, Columbus, Mississippi, Tuesday, the 30<sup>TH</sup> day of November 2021, commencing at 9:00 a.m.

**Present:**

|                       |                                   |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Harry Sanders         | Supervisor, District 1            |
| Trip Hairston         | Supervisor, District 2, President |
| John Holliman         | Supervisor, District 3            |
| Jeff Smith            | Supervisor, District 4            |
| Leroy Brooks          | Supervisor, District 5            |
| Tim Hudson Esq.       | County Board Attorney             |
| Eddie Hawkins         | Sheriff                           |
| Cindy E. Goode        | Chancery Clerk                    |
| Jay Fisher            | County Administrator              |
| County Staff Members  |                                   |
| Members of News Media |                                   |
| County Citizens       |                                   |

The following proceedings were had:

**CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION**

- I. Call to Order, Trip Hairston, Board President
- II. Presiding, Trip Hairston, Board President
- III. Invocation, Jeff Smith, Supervisor, District 4
- IV. Pledge Of Allegiance, Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk

**I**

**Adopt Agenda**

**A. Agenda Review**

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to adopt agenda as amended with changes; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein.)

**II**  
**BOARD MINUTES**

- A. Approve November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Board Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to approve November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 board minutes of the Board of Supervisors; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit B attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**III**  
**Lloyd Price**  
**Lowndes County CFO**

- A. County Claims Docket – Period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Motion by Supervisor Smith to spread on the minutes the County Claims Docket period ending November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit C attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- B. October 2021 Financials

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to spread on the minutes the October 2021 financials; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit D attached hereto and incorporated herein)

- C. Surplus Property

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the surplus property list and declare said items surplus; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit E attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**IV.**  
**Cindy E. Goode**  
**Lowndes County Chancery Clerk**

- A. Surety Bonds

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes Surety Bonds for the following: Ashley Shantel Jennings, Officer Manager Building Inspection Department & Assistant Receiving Clerk; John McCrory Davis Columbus Municipal School District Athletic Director; Mia W. Johnson Columbus Municipal School District Director of Child Nutrition; Karen Pittman, Lowndes County School District Principal; and Robert S. Sanders, Lowndes County School District, Principal; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**V.**  
**Lowndes County Emergency Management Services**  
**Address Coordinator Shelley Strickland**

B. Adopt Private Drive

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve the new private road in District 3 Jewel Drive; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VI.**  
**Ronnie Burns**  
**Lowndes County Road Manager**

A. Board Reports

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes monthly reports for November 2021 and work schedule for December 2021; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit H attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VII.**  
**George Crawford**  
**Golden Triangle Planning & Development**  
**District, Inc. District Planner**

A. Approve invoices for SDI Rail Spur Project:

- i. Calvert Spradling Engineers \$16,048.25
- ii. Phillips Contracting \$153,840.75

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes invoice for Calvert Spradling Engineers in the amount of \$16,048.25 and invoice for Phillips Contracting Co. Inc. in the amount of \$153,840.75; Seconded by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit I attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Approval of final close out of ARC, DIP and Rail Loan Program Grants for the above project

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize final request for cash for Freight Rail Service Revolving Loan program for benefit of Steel Dynamics, Inc.; DIP \$899.02; ARC \$363.34; and Rail loan \$1,695.58; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit J attached hereto and incorporated herein)

**VIII.**  
**Jay Fisher**  
**Lowndes County Administrator**

A. Reimbursement for Fuelman & Roger Short

Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize the reimbursement request to pay Chevron \$67.33 for fuel purchase for the benefit of Lowndes County, based on board attorney's recommendation and finding the Fuelman Card malfunctioned; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit K attached hereto and incorporated herein)

Motion by Supervisor Smith to authorize the reimbursement request to pay Roger Short \$102.72 for Woldpress.com based on a finding Wordpress.com does not accept purchase orders and this purchase was for the benefit of Lowndes County; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit L attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting Calendar

No action taken.

C. LCIDA Seat nomination – Heather McGee & Albert Jethrow (replacing Thomas Lee November 1, 2021 – October 31, 2025)

Supervisor Brooks made motion to appoint Albert Jethrow; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote: 2-3

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| Vote: | Sanders  | abstained |
|       | Hairston | abstained |
|       | Holliman | abstained |
|       | Smith    | aye       |
|       | Brooks   | aye       |

Supervisor Hairston made a substitute motion to appoint Heather McGee; Second by Supervisor Sanders.

Supervisor Hairston withdrew his substitute motion.

Board President declared no majority - motion failed.

Supervisor Hairston made a motion to appoint Heather McGee replacing Thomas Lee on the LCIDA board; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 4-1. Supervisor Smith abstained.

D. LCIDA Seat nomination – Pete Perkins (November 15, 2021 – November 14, 2025)

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to appoint Pete Perkins to LCIDA board; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

E. New floor pay rate for County Employees

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve new floor pay rate for County employees of \$13.00 per hour base, increase to \$13.75 upon completion of 6 month probationary period; Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

F. Visit Columbus Hotel Tax Approval

Motion by Supervisor Holliman re-affirm in accordance with Mississippi House Bill 1044 adopted April 22, 1985, hotel tax monies collected from Mississippi Department of Revenue flow directly to Columbus Visitors Bureau for tourism; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit M attached hereto and incorporated herein)

G. Announce Elected Officials Luncheon – Agri-Center December 6<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. ribbon cutting

No action taken.

**IX.**

**Bob Calvert**

**Lowndes County Engineer**

A. Caledonia Water/Sewer Permit

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to approve and spread on the minutes water and sewer permit for Caledonia Water and Sewer Department for a water service line along or across North Wolfe Road; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit N attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. SDI Rail Summary Change Order – Phillips Contracting

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes SDI Rail Summary Change Order for Phillips Contracting; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit O attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Charleigh Ford Drive Summary Change Order – Cadamy Contracting

Motion by Supervisor Smith to approve and spread on the minutes Charleigh Ford Drive Summary Change Order and accept certificate of completion for Cadamy Contracting; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit P attached hereto and incorporated herein)

D. FLAP application – West Bank Boat Ramp

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to authorize County Engineer to file a Federal Land Access Program application for West Bank Boat landing; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0.

E. Update Sports Complex Permitting – no action taken.

F. Annual State Aid Maintenance – no action taken.

G. Duncan Road Project

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to authorize County Engineer to write a letter requesting an extension for the Duncan Road Project and advertise property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

**X.**

**Eddie Hawkins  
Lowndes County Sheriff**

A. New Hires (3)

Motion by Supervisor Holliman to approve and spread on the minutes the hire of Jason David Mullins, Garrett Keith Weldon, and Jarren Joseph Cole as Detention Officers, all effective 6 December 2021, rate of pay \$14.17 per hour; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit Q attached hereto and incorporated herein)

B. Employee Purchase of Service Weapon

Motion by Supervisor Holliman, pursuant to state law, allow Ryan Rickert retiring 4 February 2022, to purchase his service weapon for \$10.00, upon service weapon declared surplus property; Second by Supervisor Brooks. Vote 5-0. (Exhibit R attached hereto and incorporated herein)

C. Enterprise RFP – Fleet Management

Motion by Supervisor Sanders to solicit request for proposals for fleet management at the Sheriff's Department; Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

**XI.**

**Board Members/Board Attorney**

Motion by Supervisor Hairston to draft Resolution recognizing Heritage Academy Football team for winning State Championship; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Request for closed determination by Supervisor Hairston.

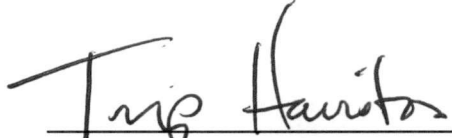
Motion by Supervisor Sanders to go into executive session to discuss a legal matter. Second by Supervisor Holliman. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to come out of executive session, Second by Supervisor Sanders. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to advertise the sale of used fire vehicles District 3, previously declared surplus property; Second by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.

Motion by Supervisor Brooks to adjourn until Monday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021; seconded by Supervisor Smith. Vote 5-0.



  
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TRIP HAIRSTON, Board President

  
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Cindy E. Goode, Chancery Clerk